

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Gail Grzegorzak at 7:17 p.m. at Gail's house at 34 Glimmer Glen. Board members in attendance were Pat D'Amato, Dave Edgington, Gail Grzegorzak, Larry Lusardi, Diane Nelson, Gary Petersen and Bonnie Sudell. Treasurer Lee Griffin and Brian Bagnati were also in attendance. Norm Kaplan and Sue Kumro were absent.

Board Member Business: The first order of business was to welcome Gary Petersen, who was appointed to finish this year of Jeff Walter's term. At the Annual Meeting, Gary will be on the slate to fill the remaining year of Jeff's term.

Tax Policy: There was discussion regarding the method of taxing the 113 lots owned by Association members. It was decided that taxing based on property assessment was the fairest method. Going forward, this method will be used. Gail will put this policy in an upcoming newsletter. Also, the Spring Packet will detail the billing process. To address this change, the Board is considering whether the Bylaws need to be changed to eliminate the \$50 minimum Association tax per property owner or if establishing an up to date tax policy is sufficient. It was noted that for the current tax year, properties have been billed using the \$50 minimum. Going forward, the board felt it was appropriate to tax based on town assessment on each property/lot and to not combine tax bills. Volunteers will be sought for a Bylaw Review Committee, as other changes may be considered. It was also noted that liens will be placed on delinquent properties this year.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2012, the June 20, 2012 and the July 25, 2012 Board Meetings were approved.

Properties: Dave reported that about a dozen new metal signs to be installed on the beaches would be purchased. One sign would state that no vehicles are allowed on the beaches. One sign would state that the beach area was closed between the hours of midnight and sunrise and for the Police to take notice. Dave and Brian will review the wording.

Dave reported that the swim lines continue to be moved and that the Properties Committee would like to purchase a small aluminum jon boat (cost not to exceed \$500) to facilitate swim line placement. Dave said that he would ask Association members at the Annual Meeting if anyone had one to sell or donate.

Recent damage to First Beach caused by a vehicle prompted a new project to install two steel posts to the north of the existing gate.

Dave detailed projects that are in the works: a boat rack and dock at the North end of the lake; new boat racks at First, Second and Third Beach; clean up of the right of way on Longwood, as well as other right of ways; clean up between Ridgewood and Lookout; painting the First Beach sheds the same color; new lines in the First Beach parking lot, and the new beach signs.

Capital projects that are in the works include the Third Beach walkway expansion; resealing, painting and striping the tennis courts and basketball courts; a Lake Hayward sign at the South end (similar to the sign at the North end); new vertical supports for the large signs at the beaches and new lighting and a ceiling at the pavilion.

Security: At the Annual Meeting, a new security system for the First Beach Pavilion and parking lot will be proposed, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. It is hoped that cost will be less than \$7,000. New signs will be made for the boat racks, stating that the Association is not responsible for boats left there, and that members store them on the racks at their own risk.

The need for handicapped access at First Beach will be addressed; a plywood ramp will be available temporarily.

Budget and Treasurer: Ed Bador will present the Budget at the Annual Meeting, and answer questions regarding its transparency and accountability. It was noted that the Association cannot change our fiscal year, as it must conform to the East Haddam fiscal year. Lee presented the budget to the Board, advising us that it may be modified in light of the current reassessment. Lee stated that all bills have been paid and that the books are always available for review with him.

Social/Recreation: Diane Nelson presented a detailed report on Social and Recreational activities this summer (see attached). In addition, she said that Don Smith would be responsible for Pavilion Sign Ups in 2013. One ongoing problem is trash in the parking lot and in the porta potties. Should the rakers be responsible for picking up the trash or should we have a trash can in the parking lot? Should we have a trash can by the porta potties? She also noted that the porta potties by the pavilion should be cleaned twice a week, as opposed to once a week. We currently pay \$1,000 total for the season to have them cleaned once a week. There was no resolution to this matter. Diane stated that we should do something for the volunteers who organized Arts and Crafts, Bingo, and the other summer activities. They will be recognized at the Annual Meeting but she suggested American Express gift certificates or something similar. There was no resolution to this matter

Bylaws Enforcement: It was recommended that a Bylaws Compliance Committee be formed to address violations of our Bylaws. Several properties on Briarcliff, Cragmere and Longwood are in violation of our Bylaws, and there are some commercial businesses operating illegally. It was noted that Peter Doyle's property has commercial equipment on it, and the yard has been an eyesore for at least ten years. With respect to unregistered vehicles, there is nothing in our current Bylaws to address this. The Town has the power to enforce the zoning laws, but they must be notified. A Board priority this year will be to solicit a Town Liaison to address our relationship with East Haddam. Issues include unregistered vehicles, health and safety and abiding by the zoning laws. The committee will also define our powers and enforcement through the Town. Pat D'Amato and Gail will form the Bylaws Compliance Committee.

Lake Hayward Days: Larry reported that everything was in place for the week's activities.

Annual Meeting: Board members are asked to be at the Pavilion by 9 a.m. Bob Sudell will be at the registration desk. Boat stickers, parking passes and copies of the proposed budget will be available at the registration desk.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th at Bonnie Sudell's at 113 Lake Shore Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie F. Sudell
Secretary

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Lake Hayward Board Meeting

Recreation:

This year we have 32 swimmers signed up and 12 for tennis.

Some of the issues this year have been:

- contacting parents in case that classes are cancelled. Suggestions are to have a main number on contact form, have a number for the parents to call or to put it on the website. A sign should be posted when a cancellation happens and the Rec. person is contacted and people can call the rec. person if weather may be an issue.
- Policies of the Swim/tennis should be on the website and handed out when they come for the first day
- Parents should give checks only to the POALH mailbox
- Leave copies of signups at the pavilion for safety original to treasurer
- Need a planned Emergency format posted
- No makeups since we offer 28 sessions, or at the discretion of the rec. coordinator(if a week is washed out)
- No rebates or prorates unless due to medical issues
- Sign up for the Red Cross \$350 for certificates in the late winter or by March
- Get copy of certificates of instructors on file
- Add that they do swim races for Lake Hayward Days on the contract
- Have a safe boating class
- Basketball tournament or tennis tournament

Signups should be separate for swim and tennis with rules and times and regulations. Have level times on the forms and procedures for handing in checks and if there is a prorating put right on the forms.

List activities recreation is supposed to be responsible for is it volleyball or golf or horseshoes also?? So people know whom to call.

Social:

Should pavilion sign up be separate to social but pavilion person will check with social before agreeing on a reservation. Who checks for clean up after a reservation.

List what the host of events is responsible for and by when. Should include picking up trash in the parking lot as well as the pavilion the next morning.

Lego night was a big success we got over 25 kids and adults and Matt Cohen did a great job. Should include that next year. Is this recreation or social????

Beach survey by Beach representatives

Have the reps go to the beach once a week and ask about beach and water quality and how often they go to the beach. Also what activities they participate in and what the general behavior of residents is on the beach or other social activities.